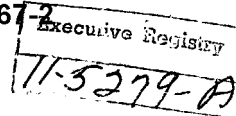


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18 JUN 1959

*reach*  
The Honorable Franz Josef Strauss  
Bundeminister fuer Verteidigung  
Bonn, Germany

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Your expression of condolence, both as conveyed to me through General Tempelhoff and in your kind letter, is deeply appreciated. You are aware, I know, that my brother's spirit was especially strengthened during his last productive years by the rebirth of creative German energy in freedom and honor. I am thus particularly grateful at this time of grievance for the sympathies of a leading spokesman for the vigorous generation of young German leaders who have played and will play an increasingly important role in maintaining the solidarity of the West against Communist aggression.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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17 June 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Letter of Condolence from Franz Josef Strauss,  
dated 2 June 1959

1. This memorandum requests action on the part of the DCI as stated below.

2. The West German Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss had previously sent a message of condolence which was conveyed to the DCI on 25 May 1959 through Brigadier General von Tempelhoff, German Military Representative to Military Committee/NATO. It is suggested that the DCI reply to the message from General Tempelhoff and to the subject letter from Minister Strauss with the attached letter prepared for the DCI's signature. It is requested that the signed letter be

3. A translation of Minister Strauss' letter of 2 June 1959 is attached for your information.

Attachments:

- A. Reply to letter of condolence
- B. Translation of Minister Strauss' letter

cc: DDCI

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TRANSLATION

Dr. h.c. Franz Josef Strauss

Bonn  
2 June 1959

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I would like to tell you again how much the passing of your brother has affected me and how much all those who knew him officially or privately are shaken by the news, even though it came not unexpectedly. We shall all remember Mr. John Foster Dulles as a friend of the Germans and a brave and upright fighter to keep peace and freedom, [a man] whom the free peoples of the world have to thank for so much and whose name is still today linked with the hopes of the enslaved nations.

I should like to take this opportunity to express again my sincere thanks for the hospitality which has now become a tradition for you and for the frank discussion in your home. It was welcome and reassuring to me once again to find that your assessment of the political situation is completely in accord with my own. I hope that your far-reaching influence is felt as well in the negotiations presently being conducted at the Geneva Conference and that the Conference will be successful in assuring peace and freedom for the Western world and also for Berlin.

With best wishes and again my thanks and kindest regards,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ F. J. Strauss

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